GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
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UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:2426
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PRODUCTION OF HARD CROWN GLASSES
AMBATI BRAHMANAIAH

Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the facility for producing "hard crown glasses" is not available in the country ;

(b) whether no entrepreneurs have come forward to produce such glasses in the country ;

(c) if so, the reasons therefor ;

(d) the details of obstacles being faced by CSIR and other institutions in encouraging its production in the country ;

(e) whether the union Government propose to get machinery developed at the CSIR labs for its production ;

(f) if not, whether the Union Government propose to offer any incentives to the Indian entrepreneurs for the production of hard crown glasses ; and

(g) if so, the details in this regard ?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE FOR SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY (SHRI BACHI SINGH RAWAT)

(a) The facility was setup in 1960 at M/s Bharat Ophthalmic Glass Ltd, Durgapur for production of hard crown glasses for spectacles which was discontinued in 1980.

(b),(c)&(d) Setting up manufacturing facility requires high capital investment. Moreover, now such glasses can be imported at low cost. As such for entrepreneurs it is not cost effective to produce such glasses .

(e)&(f) No sir, there is no proposal under consideration.

(g) Does not arise.